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Philadelphia District

PROJECT FACT SHEET

GRAYS FERRY, LOWER SCHUYLKILL RIVER

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CONGRESSIONAL INFO: Sen. Specter, PA; Sen. Santorum, PA; Rep. Brady, PA-1

AUTHORITY: Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Section 1135, Ecosystem Restoration. Continuing Authorities Program.

LOCATION: The project area is located in the Grays Ferry portion of Philadelphia, along the Lower Schuylkill River, about 6 miles upstream from the confluence with the Delaware River.

STUDY/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project being modified is the Schuylkill River, Mouth to University Avenue that provides for a navigation channel between the 40-foot channel in the Delaware River and University Avenue, a distance of about 6 miles. The urban ecosystem restoration project would extend approximately 2,600 linear feet from the University Avenue Bridge to just beyond the Grays Ferry Avenue Bridge. The area of restoration currently lies on lands owned by E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Co. Inc and Waste Management Inc. Discussions are underway for both of these properties to be donated to the City. The project would increase the amount and quality of tidal and riparian habitat along the Schuylkill River. A multiple-use trail will also be constructed for maintenance as well as future access along the project area.

PROJECT STATUS: In FY2004 the study was suspended with the City of Philadelphia negotiating with the existing landowners over property issues. FY 2005 funds could be used to re-initiate the Planning, Design and Analysis Phase including preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA).

FINANCIAL DATA:

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Est. Federal Cost: \$887

Est. Non-Fed Cost: \$296

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,183

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Draft Environmental Assessment would be prepared as part of the PDA Phase.

SPONSOR: City of Philadelphia

CRITICAL ISSUES: Due to the nationwide demand for limited program funds, full funding may not be possible.

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